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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: SAITOH, Shuji, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1645

Serial No.: 09/147,052

Examiner: Jana A. Hines

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For. **NOVEL FUSION PROTEIN, GENE THEREOF, RECOMBINANT VECTOR  
BEARING THE GENE AND RECOMBINANT VIRUS AS WELL AS USE  
THEREOF**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: January 10, 2005

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2004 for two months, from November 26, 2004, to January 26, 2005.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

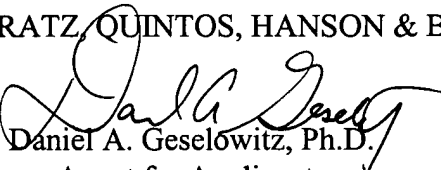
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